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4,519,522	McElwee, J.	5/28/1985
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5,337,920	Clausen, M.	8/16/1994

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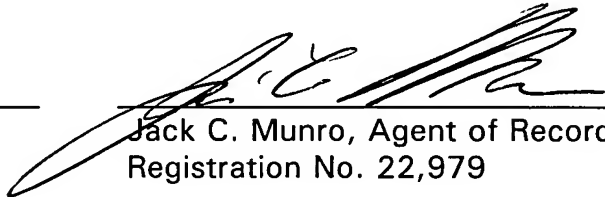
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